

PUBLIC NOTICE

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED NPDES GENERAL PERMIT
FOR STORM WATER DISCHARGES
FROM CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES IN INDIAN COUNTRY**

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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL MEETING

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED PERMIT
TO BE HELD ON APRIL 4, 2002
AT THE**

**BAY BEACH WILDLIFE SANCTUARY
AUDITORIUM, 1660 EAST SHORE DRIVE
GREEN BAY, WI**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5, NPDES Programs Branch - WN-16J
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604
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Public Notice No.: WI-02-03-04A

Public Notice Issued On: March 8, 2002

Comment period ends: April 12, 2002

Permit No.: WI- (PROPOSAL)

DESCRIPTION OF REGULATED ACTIVITY

Today's notice announces EPA's intention to issue a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit for storm water discharges from construction sites in Indian Country within the State of Wisconsin. The general permit is proposed to cover discharges in the following Indian Country areas: Bad River Indian Reservation, Forest County Potawatomi Indian Reservation, Sokaggon (Mole Lake) Indian Reservation, Lac Courte Oreilles Indian Reservation, Lac Du Flambeau Indian Reservation, Oneida Indian Reservation, Red Cliff Indian Reservation, St. Croix Indian Reservation, Stockbridge-Munsee Indian Reservation, Ho-Chunk Nation Indian Reservation, and the Menominee Indian Reservation. This notice extends the comment period to April 12, 2002.

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

On Thursday, April 4, 2002, an informational meeting will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, Auditorium, 1660 East Shore Drive, Green Bay, WI to provide information and to answer questions the public may have related to the issuance of this permit. **This is not a public hearing. The public hearing will begin immediately after this meeting and is discussed below under 'COMMENT PROCEDURES'.**

COMMENT PROCEDURES AND PUBLIC HEARING

EPA's comment and public hearing procedures may be found at 40 CFR 124.10, 124.11, 124.12, and 124.13. The following is a summary of those procedures:

1. The comment period during which written comments on the proposed permit may be submitted has been extended to April 12, 2002.

2. The Regional Administrator of EPA, Region 5, has determined that there is significant public interest in the proposed permit and that a public hearing should be held. The public hearing is scheduled for April 4, 2002, at the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, Auditorium, 1660 East Shore Drive, Green Bay, WI, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The hearing may end earlier if all persons wishing to make comments have been heard.
3. Comments received after April 12, 2002, may be considered in the formulation of final determination at EPA's discretion.
4. Written comments must be delivered or mailed to: Brian C. Bell, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, NPDES Programs Branch - WN-16J, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604.
5. The Public Notice number should appear next to the EPA Address on the envelope and on each page of any submitted comments.

The hearing will be held to provide an opportunity for submission of information, public comment, or objections to the tentative determination which may assist in the formulation of the final determination regarding the proposed permit. EPA will issue a final determination after the public meeting.

All interested parties are invited to express their views on the issues related to the above proposed permit. Parties making presentations are urged to address their statements to relevant issues. Oral statements will be heard and considered, but for accuracy of the record, all statements should be submitted in writing. Statements should summarize extensive written material so there will be time for all interested parties to be heard. Persons are encouraged to submit duplicate copies of their written statements to the Presiding Officer.

This hearing will not be conducted under formal adjudicatory procedures. Therefore, the rules of evidence, cross-examination, and other procedures relating to adjudicatory hearings will not govern. EPA will present a statement relating to the proposed permit. Following the presentation, any person so desiring may comment on the proposed permit and any issue raised in connection therewith. All persons wishing to appear should fill out witness slips which will be made available at the hearing. The Presiding Officer will select persons in the order in which completed slips are received. Information and clarifying questions may be directed at persons making oral statements through the Presiding Officer. The Presiding Officer shall have the discretion to fix reasonable limits upon the time allowed for oral statements.

Under 40 CFR 124.17, EPA will issue a response to comments at the time a final decision is made. EPA will notify each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice of the final permit decision. Therefore, it is important that written comments be submitted prior to as well as at the public hearing.

The proposed permit, fact sheet, statement of basis, and other documents contained in the administrative record, are available for inspection and may be copied at a cost of 15 cents per page at the Chicago Regional offices of the Environmental Protection Agency anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. You may also view the proposed permit, fact sheet, and statement of basis at the following libraries: Marathon County Public Library (715-261-7240), Brown County Central Library (9 locations, 920-448-4400), Madison Public Libraries (9 locations, 608-266-6300) and on Region 5's website at "<http://www.epa.gov/r5water/npdestek/npdcfrp.htm>".

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of anyone you know that would be interested in this matter.